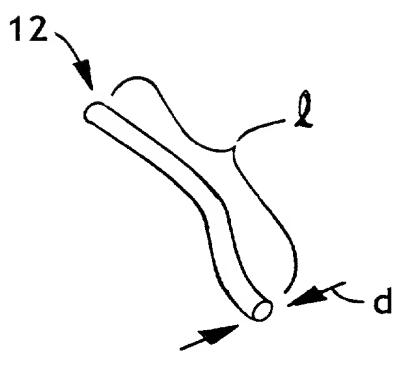
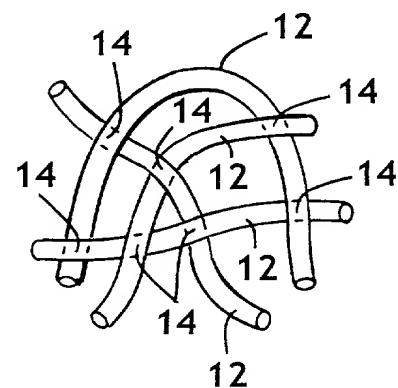


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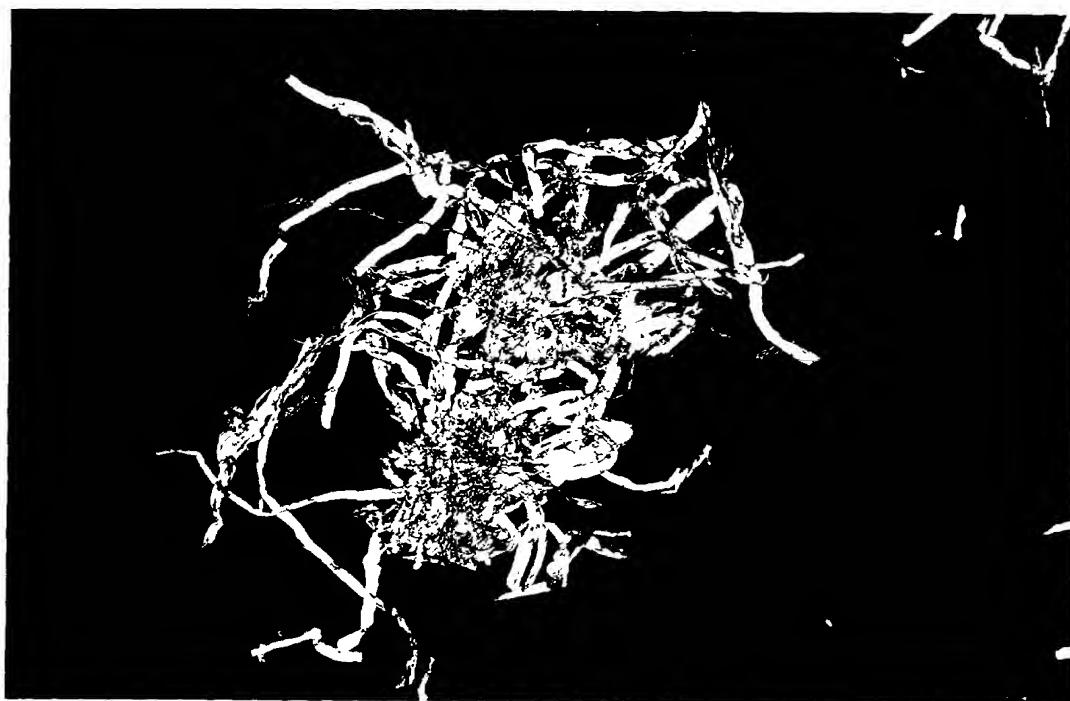


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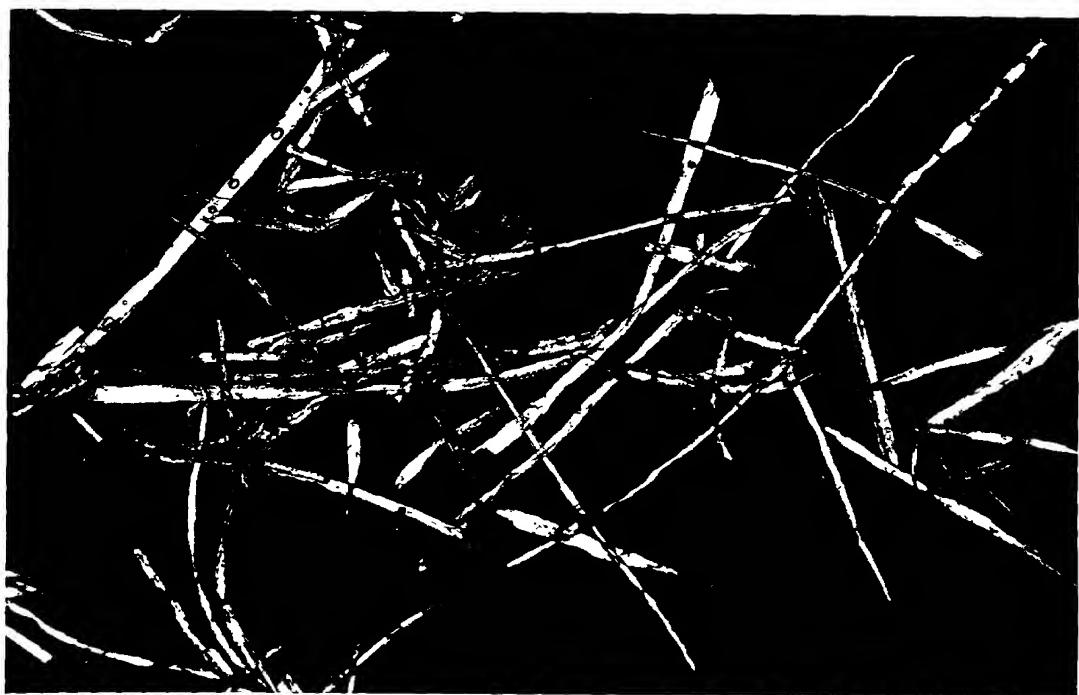


**FIG. 3**

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**FIG. 4**



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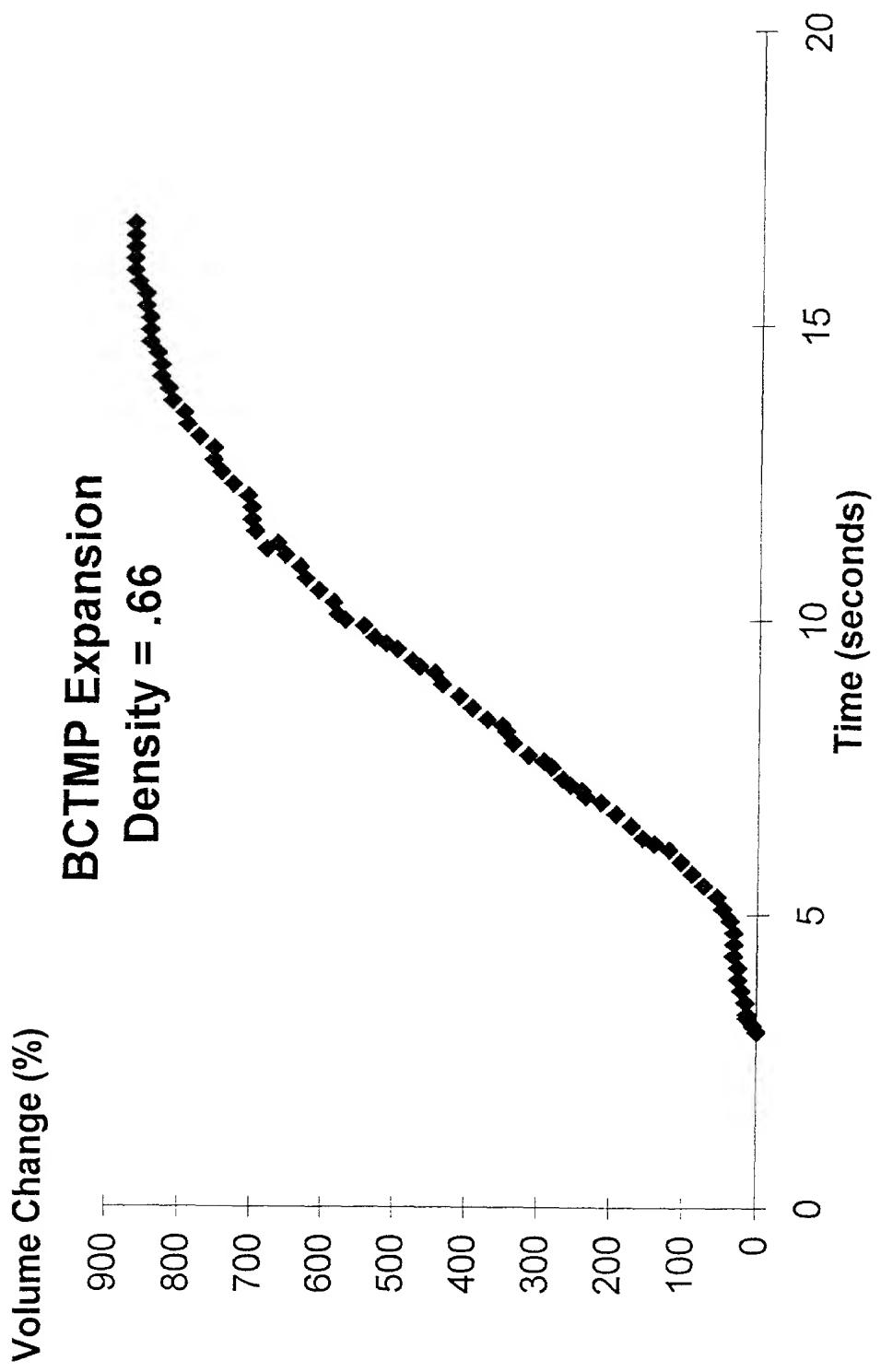


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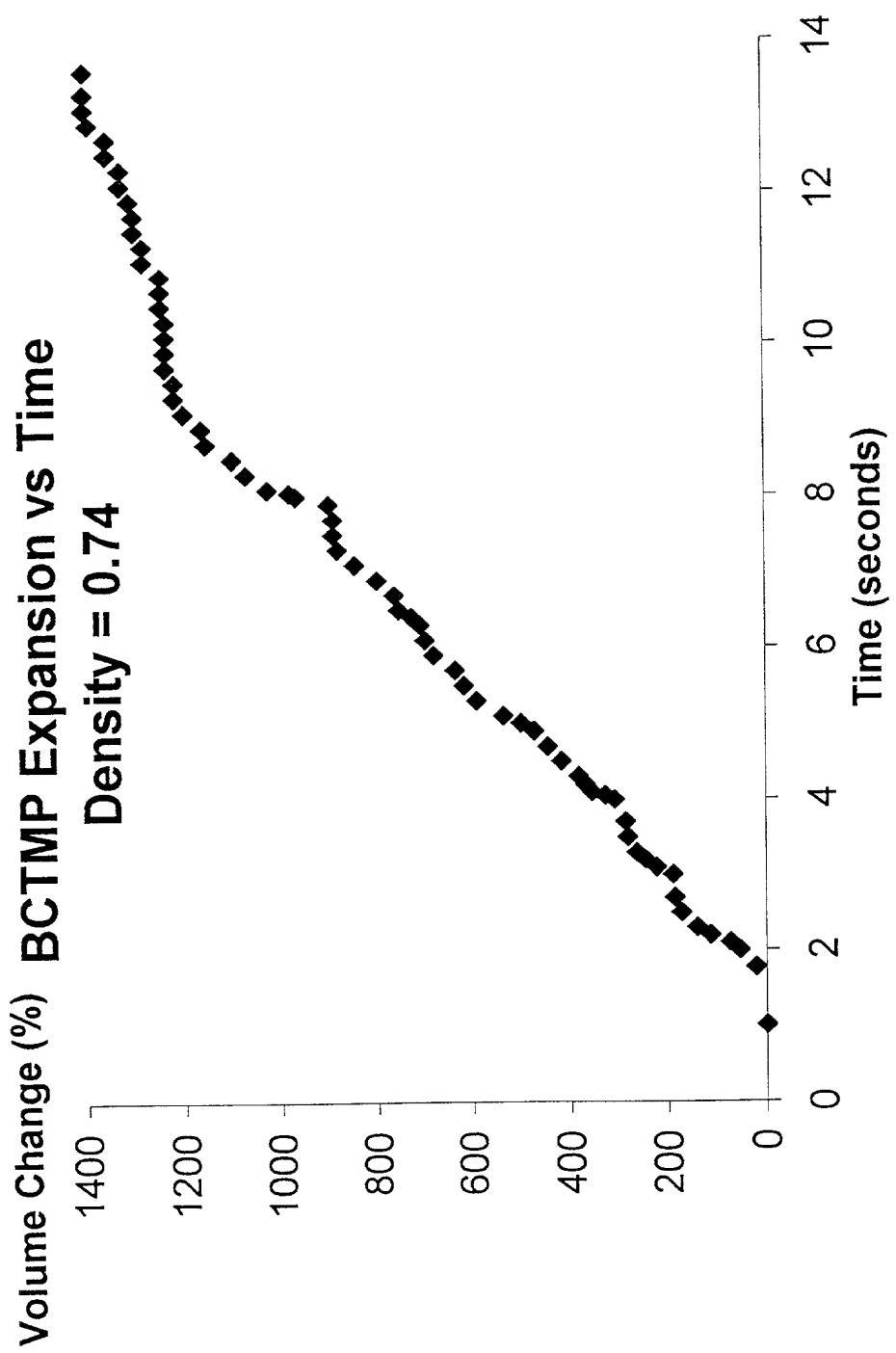


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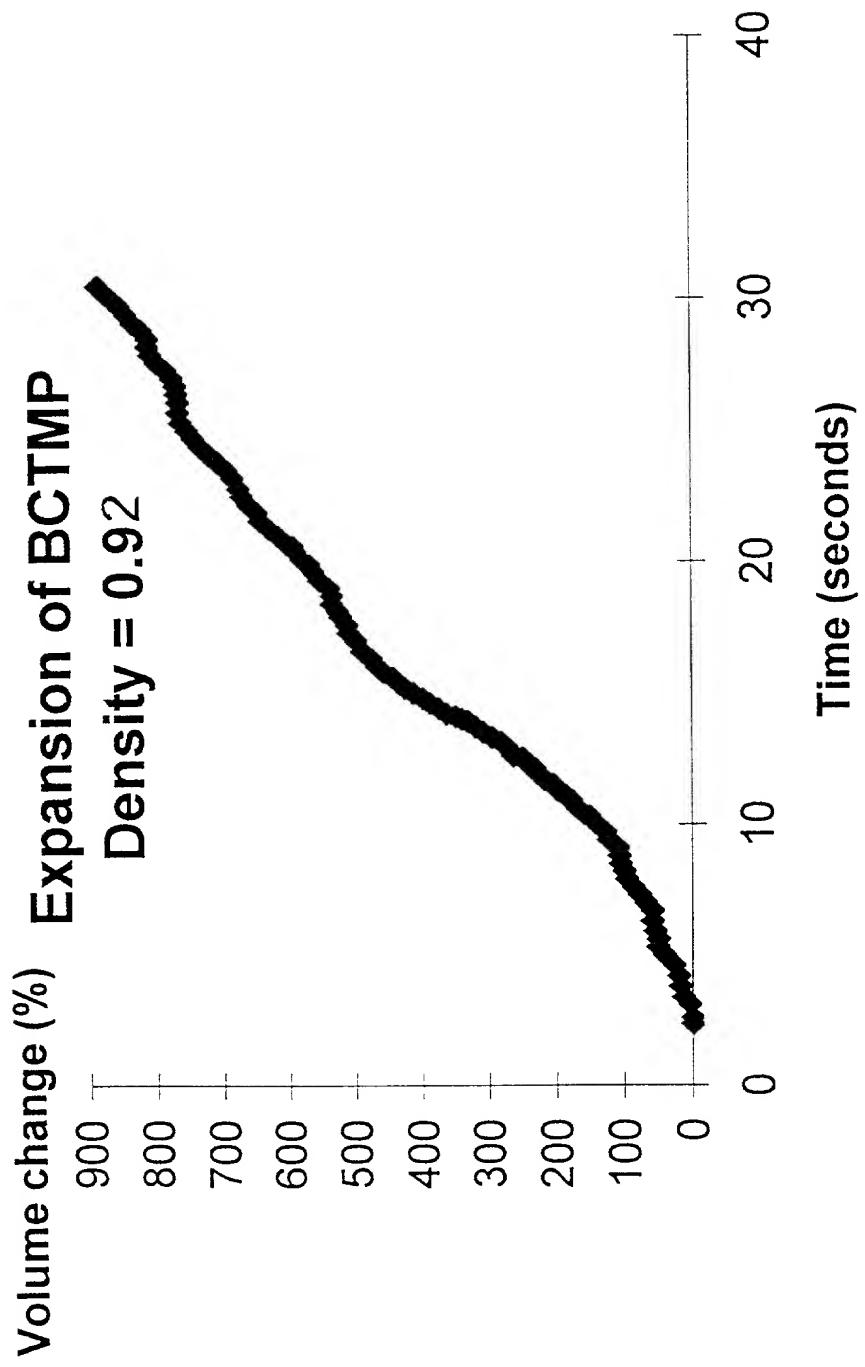


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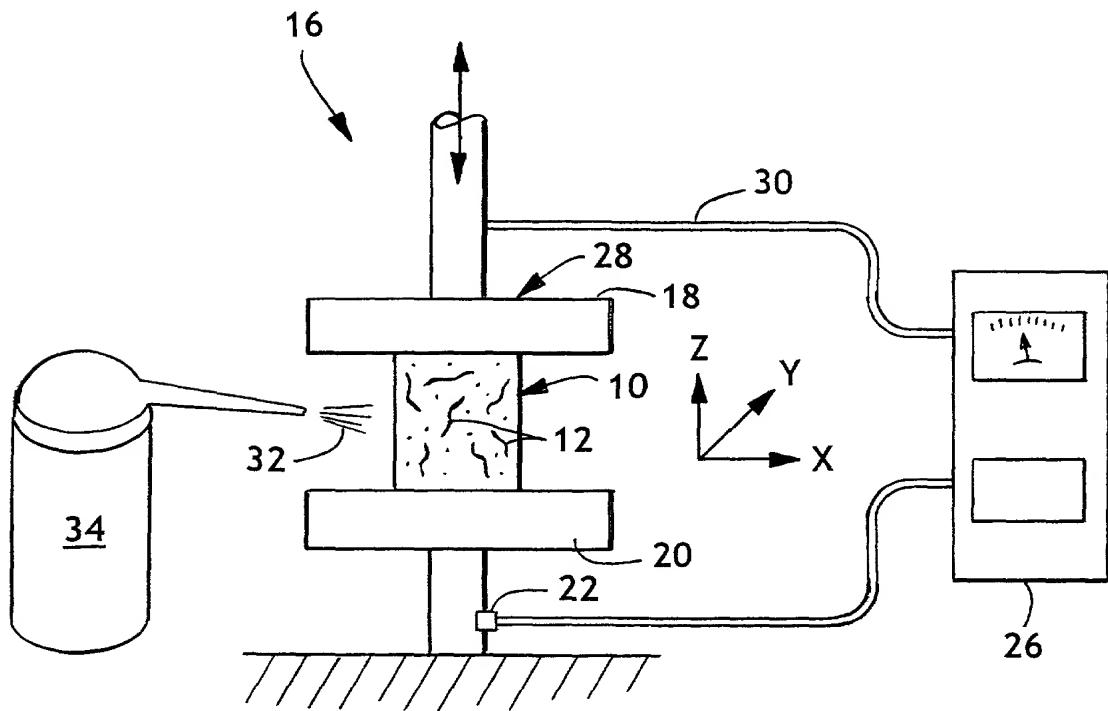


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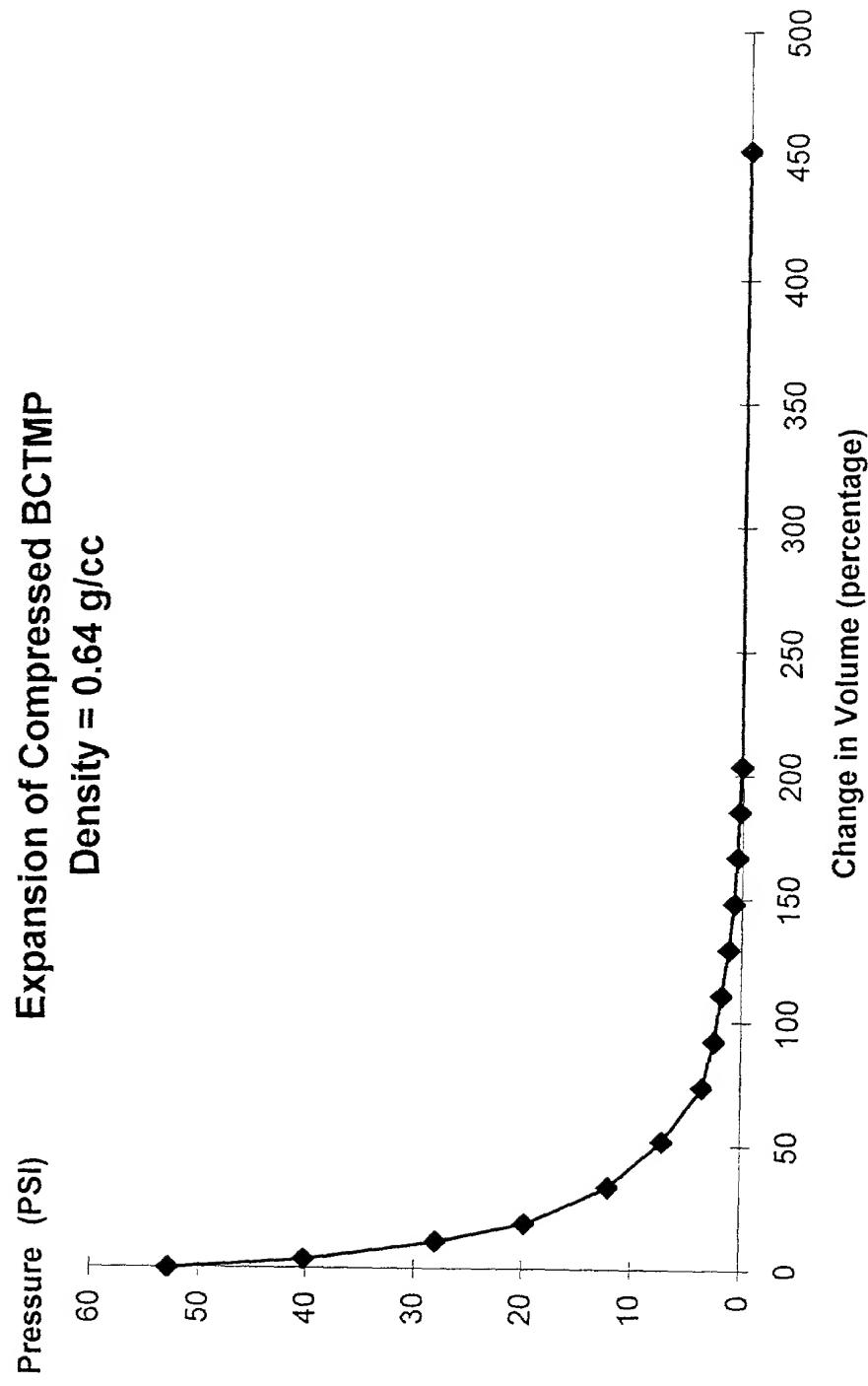


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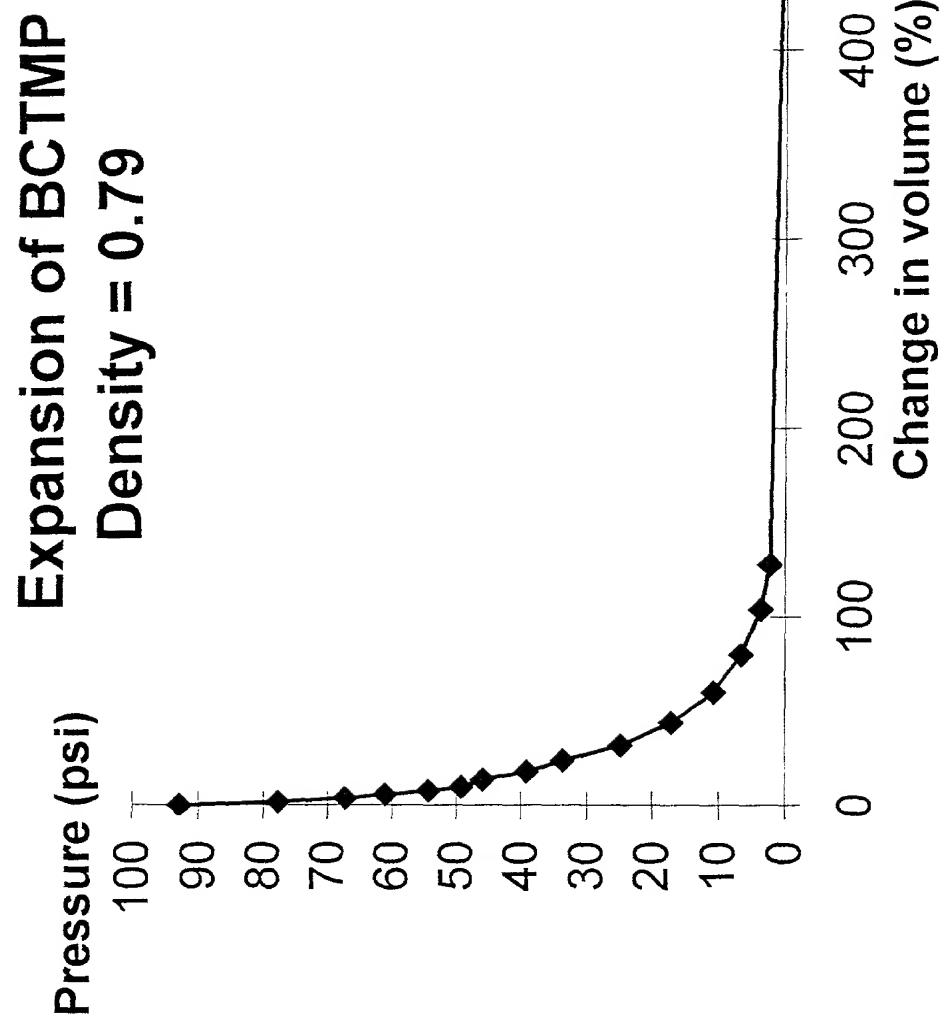


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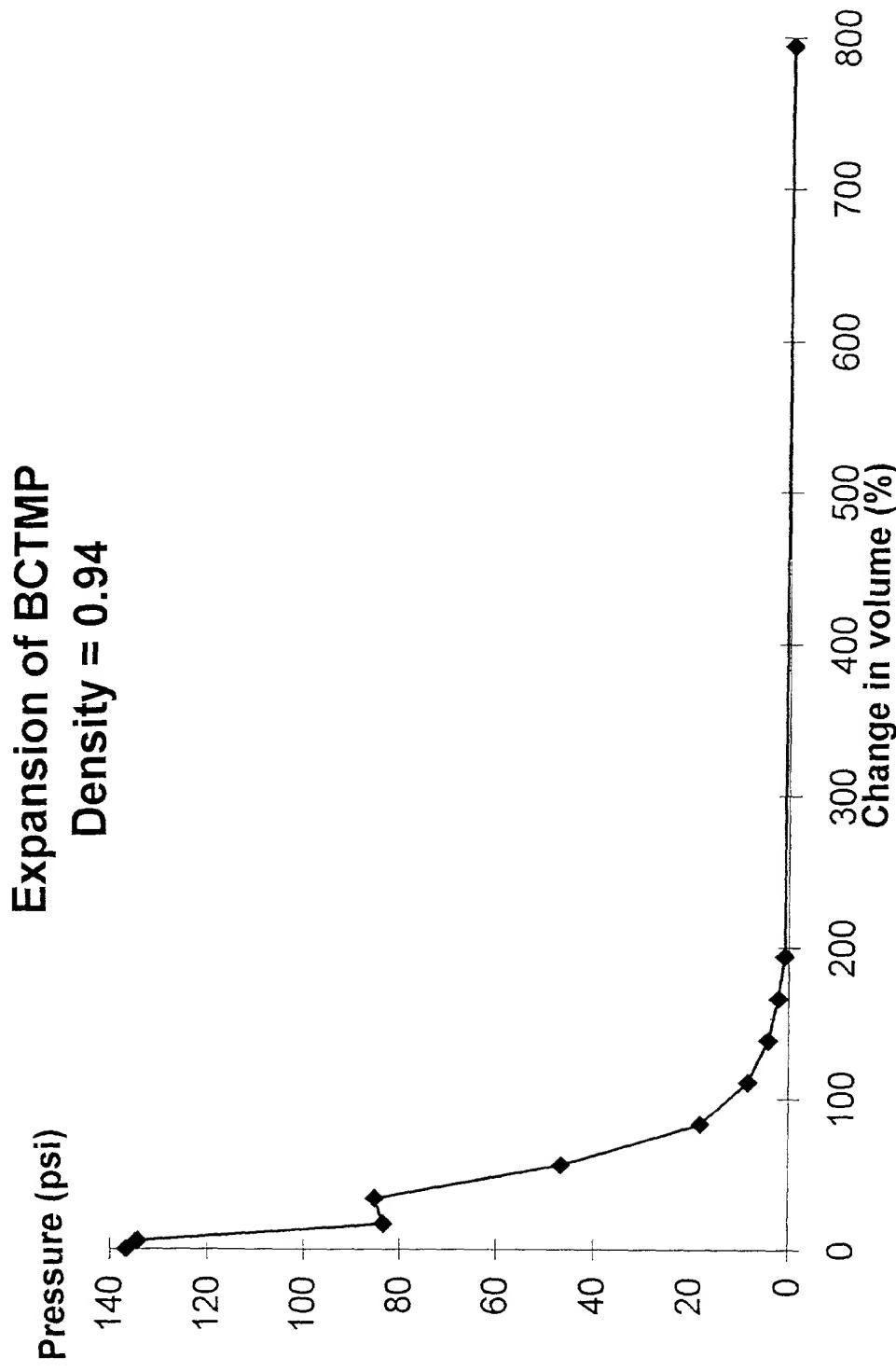


FIG. 12